

Noah was a Just Man *and* Perfect

The Bible lists Noah as one of only two men in all of history who “walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). The other is Enoch, who may be more well known in that capacity since he was taken up into God's presence without dying (Genesis 5:24). Efforts by some to portray Noah as a bumbling, drunken hypocrite are simply not true. God's commentary is that Noah was “just” and “perfect” (upright, without blemish). The Creator entrusted him with the monumental task that is unique in all of history.

Noah was “just.” That simply means that he was known for his equitable dealings with others. Even in the wicked world that disgusted the Creator, Noah was “justified” in his dealings. He charged reasonable prices for his work. He gave a good product (whatever it was) to those who employed his services. His honest dealings gave rise to his influence in the community. He was proven to be a man of integrity (Genesis 7:1).

Noah was “perfect.” That precious reputation, at least from God's perspective, means that he was a man without condemnation. His “just” dealings resulted in a “blameless” record. Whatever the wicked people of his day may have said behind his back, they *knew* that Noah was above reproach. Just as folks today often resort to rumor-mongering and distortion of facts to cover their own guilt, those around Noah no doubt employed some of the same practices to discredit righteous Noah. He may well have had that kind of treatment, but God saw that he was “perfect.”

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